

danger of contagion is disclosed to them, then the physician should, in that event, if no other means of protection is possible, be privileged to make so much of a disclosure to such persons as is necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. A disclosure in such case would, it follows, not be a betrayal of the confidence of the patient, since the patient must know when he imparts the information or subjects himself to the examination that in the exception stated his disease may be disclosed.

"In order that such a privilege of making a disclosure be available to a physician, however, he must have had ordinary skill and learning of a physician and must have exercised ordinary diligence and care in making his diagnosis; otherwise he could be subjected to an action for negligence in making a wrongful report (Harriott v. Plimpton, 166 Mass., 585, 44 N. E., 992).

"In making such disclosure a physician must also be governed by the rules as to qualifiedly privileged communications in slander and libel cases. He must prove that a disclosure was necessary to prevent spread of disease; that the communication was to one who, it was reasonable to suppose, might otherwise be exposed, and that he himself acted in entire good faith, with reasonable grounds for his diagnosis and without malice.

"It appears to us that the facts disclosed by the record in this case show that the occasion was privileged; that the defendant had reasonable grounds for his belief; that he made no further disclosure than was reasonably necessary under the circumstances, and that he acted in good faith and without malice.

"Had the plaintiff put in issue any of these facts the case should have gone to the jury, but, as we take it, the testimony introduced raises no issues upon those questions.

"For the reasons given we recommend the case be affirmed."

Collected Clippings in Press

"Diet" Specialist Fined \$500.00

A. Irevenzin, who claimed to be a diet specialist, was arrested for dispensing so much food knowledge without a license. He pleaded guilty, was fined \$500.00 and given 180 days in jail to contemplate the palatability and utilizable energy value of prison food. This will enable him to understand the metabolic products of protein, the absorption of carbohydrates and to learn from experience that there is no antiscorbutic vitamine in pickled cabbage.

Japanese Must Speak English

The examination of Japanese in their own language has been discontinued by the State Board of Medical Examiners. This should prevent some of the irregular and unreliable interpretations of the past.

Jame Jear Suspended

For the next six months those patients of Bakersfield who rely upon Jame Jear herbs to invigorate them will have to possess their souls in patience. Jame Jear was convicted for violating the Medical Practice Act and suspended for six months.

Liquor Permit Cancelled for Over-Issue

The liquor permit of the proprietor of the Regal Drug Store, San Francisco, was cancelled for over-issue of liquor prescriptions. The store was seized to pay liquor tax and penalties of \$7,500.

A Fine Name Fined

Wah Quack, a most appropriate and descriptive name for its owner, pleaded guilty in Los Angeles on June 15th for violating the Medical Practice Act and was fined \$100. Wah will only have to quack a few times to pay that.

James E. Thompson's License Revoked

The Board of Medical Examiners revoked the license of James E. Thompson at its February meeting. In the issue of June 8th of the San Francisco Examiner the following appears: "James E. Thompson of Oakland is charged with performing a criminal abortion on Mrs. Beatrice Snyder. He has been the defendant in four prior similar trials."

Wong Ting, Hong Wong and P. S. Hsu

A Chinese triumvirate that specializes in breaking the Medical Practice Act, Wong Ting and postscript Hsu, the postscript being \$100 fine, herbalize in San Jose and Hong Wong in Santa Cruz. They mostly plead guilty, pay the fine and hasten back to distribute the short dried herbs and gather in the long green.

Chiropractor Agrees to Cease Practice

O. R. Bye of Turlock was engaged in chiropractic in Stanislaus County without taking any examination or getting a license from the state. He was arrested, released on bail, and has his case dismissed on the promise that he would cease to practice.

Surrendered by Bondsmen

Dr. M. A. S. Frank, of Los Angeles, indicted some time ago with Doctors D. A. Purcell and Augusta Stone, charged with using the mails to advertise illegal surgery, was surrendered by his bondsmen.

Linden C. McCash Paroled

After serving only half of a hundred day sentence at the Alameda County jail for violation of the Medical Practice Act, Linden C. McCash was paroled on June 12th. You may remember McCash, the chiropractor, who had his picture taken looking through the bars. This is a familiar method of chiropractic propaganda. Break the law, defy the law, denounce the State Board, appeal to prejudice, get a parole and get the money. It's a winning game if there are any weak links in the law-enforcing chain.

COLLECTED CLIPPINGS

The Fresno Republican under date of March 15, 1920, published an editorial in masterful, characteristic, succinct verbiage, disclosing the fallacious arguments advanced by the chiropractors in their recent letter to Governor Stephens insisting that he appoint a chiropractic board, by stating the law requires the applicant for a drugless certificate to have half the education required of the applicant for a medical license. "Any chiropractor who is half educated can get a license . . . the rest preferring the pretense of law defiance to the confession of ignorance, put up the plea that the Examining Board being composed of physicians, is their competitor and that its members could not examine a chiropractor, because chiropractic is not taught in medical colleges."

Governor Stephens has been importuned by several hundred chiropractors from all parts of the state to suggest that persecution of chiropractors should be stopped and the letter insists that the Governor appoint a chiropractic board for chiropractors.—Corona (Cal.) Independent, 3/12/20.

Jewish Medical Association of Palestine

Palestine's first medical journal, "Harefooh" (Medicine), has just made its appearance, published by the Jewish Medical Association of Palestine. The journal is a quarterly and its first issue is dedicated to the memory of the Jewish physicians and nurses, who "lay down their lives in the years of upheaval in the Holy Land."

The objects of the medical association, as outlined in the quarterly, are to strengthen and coordinate the medical forces of the country and to collaborate with doctors outside Palestine; to give the medical work a national as well as a humane value; to prepare a native soil for Jewish scientists; and to help in the creation of the Hebrew University.

Medical work in Palestine has advanced rapidly during the past two years, stimulated by the